

Cecil County Tax Assessments reveal a 1859 construction date for this house. In 1858 the same owner, James W. Morgan, only owned 158 acres assessed \$2212 . The next years assessment however, jumps to \$3212 with the addition of a dwelling house entry.

The Italianate architectural style, in which this house fits was widely used at the time.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 183

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

J.W. Morgan House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Bond Neck Road

CITY, TOWN

Earleville

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Norman Clough

Telephone #: 275-2193

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West View Shores

CITY, TOWN

Earleville

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21919

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Md. 21921

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CE-927

## CONDITION

—EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
 —FAIR

—DETERIORATED  
 —RUINS  
 —UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

—UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
 —MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The J. W. Morgan House c. 1860 is a two story 5 bay by 1 room Italianate frame house on Pond Neck Road and west of Earleville. The main facade has a southwest exposure with the shallow hip roof running on a northwest/southeast axis.

The main block rests on a fieldstone foundation and is sheathed with weatherboards. The once heavy cornice, that is so typical of these structures, has been removed. It still remains on the rear two story two bay by one room kitchen wing that produces an ell shape.

The south facade has a central entrance with symmetrically placed 6/6 sash windows. The surrounds are plain and the shutters have been removed. Simple corner pilasters do remain and frame the entire main block. The central door is flanked by three light sidelights with panel below and a three light transom overhead. A horizontal molding of one inch drilled holes decorates the space between transom and door header. The front door molding consists of of four heavily molded panels with arched ends. A simple shed roof porch with tin roof and simple square posts protects the entry. The east and west ends have two 6/6 sash on each floor which flank the interior end brick stove stacks.

The rear ell kitchen wing is slightly lower and still retains its heavy cornice. The detailing of windows remains the same as the main block. A concrete block shed addition was attached to the west side. A stove stack rises out of the gable end.

The interior was not open for inspection but safely assumed typical of Italianate house interiors.

There are no significant outbuildings remaining on the property.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Morgan House has lost a great deal of its visual appeal with the removal of its cornice. The main block appears as a plain rectangular form that is pierced by symmetrically placed sash windows. The removal of the cornice has also subjected the interior to serious leakage according to the resident. The house still retains a few hints of a bit more money in its construction, especially with the front entrance. The detailing is a bit more elaborate than what is normally found. James W. Morgan owned the house in 1877 and appears to have had Cecil County family residence since 1818. (Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas).

Cecil County Tax Assessment reveal a construction date of 1859 with no house listed in 1858; only 158 acres for \$2212. The next year, however, the assessment jumps to \$3212 with the addition of a dwelling house.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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Cecil County Committee

DATE

1/29/80

STREET &amp; NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Md. 21921

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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EARLEVILLE Quad

Arnold Pt. Light

Cabin

John

Creek

Veazey Cem

NECK

PEARCE

CRYSTAL NECK

NECK

ROAD

POPLAR

BEACH

Pearce

Creek

St Pauls Ch

Cem

St S Ch

NECK

Gravel Pit

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MORGAN House  
SOUTHEAST ELEVATION  
NR  
EARLEVILLE, MD.

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MORGAN HOUSE  
SOUTHERN ENTRANCE  
NA  
EARLEVILLE, MD.  
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